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SUBJECT: LOCAL ELECTIONS - HUNGARIAN STYLE

MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD IN ALL HUNGARIAN TOWNS, VILLAGES, FACTORIES AND OFFICES, COOPERATIVE AND STATE FARMS, TO PREPARE FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 15. SEVENTY THOUSAND ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE INVOLVED, ACCORDING TO THE HUNGARIAN NEWS AGENCY MTI. ALL THE TRAPPINGS OF DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS ARE EVIDENT: ANY CITIZEN WITH THE RIGHT TO VOTE CAN NOMINATE HIS CANDIDATE FOR COUNSELOR. A NOMINEE MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE THIRD OF THE VOTES AT A NOMINATING MEETING. TWO OR MORE NOMINEES CAN BE PLACED ON THE LIST OF CANDIDATES. THERE IS ONLY ONE HOOKER. AS MTI PUTS IT, " ONLY THE PERSON WITH THE RIGHT TO VOTE CAN NOMINATE HIS CANDIDATE. A POLITICAL CONDITION: THE CANDIDATE MUST ACCEPT THE PROGRAM FOLLOWED BY THE PATRIOTIC PEOPLE' S FRONT*" PUHAN

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